

LIABILITY ACTS ARE DISPLACED

More States Enact Laws Providing Compensation for Injured Workmen.

TERRITORIES HAVE THEM

Thirty-one Statutes Provide Pay for One-fourth of Civilian Employees in This Country.

If proof were needed of the rapid growth of the idea of compensation of workmen for injuries received in the course of employment as a substitute for the old liability acts, it would be found in Bulletin No. 183, by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The bulletin presents the legislation for the years 1914 and 1915, together with amendments to a number of earlier laws.

The legislation of 1914 included the States of Kentucky, Louisiana and Maryland. One of these laws, that of Kentucky, was declared unconstitutional before it came into operation. That of Maryland superseded an earlier statute reported as unworkable. The new laws of 1915 cover eight States: Colorado, Indiana, Maine, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wyoming, besides the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii. The legislation of 1914 included a Presidential order providing a compensation system for employees of the Panama Canal and the Panama Railroad, while that of the current year includes laws of the Government of Alaska and Hawaii, and of the Territory of Alaska. A Federal statute covers also about one-fourth of the civilian employees of the United States. All of this legislation has been enacted since 1905, and practically all of the existing legislation in the States since 1910.

Of the new laws of 1914 and 1915, one, that of Wyoming, must be classed as a compulsory insurance law, while those of Maryland and Oklahoma are compulsory compensation laws. In the other States, eight in number, the law permits the employer to elect or reject the compensation act. In case he rejects it, however, he is deprived of the customary defenses under the liability law. The Oklahoma statute applies only to cases of nonfatal accidents, while in Wyoming all awards, whether for death or disability, are made on the basis of lump sum payments arbitrarily fixed by the statute without regard to the earning capacity of the injured person. The Alaska statute, however, provides for lump sum payments except for temporary disability. Legislation elsewhere has been very generally provided for in the States of Colorado, graduated according to wage loss, and this method is favored by practically all authorities.

Special Boards Given Power.

Of the new laws of 1914 and 1915, the Wyoming act is the least liberal. The compensation for death is limited to funeral expenses of \$50 and a maximum death benefit of \$2,000. In comparison with this, the Colorado statute provides for a maximum of \$2,500, while the maximum of the Alaska statute is \$6,000. In cases of temporary disability, the Wyoming law is more liberal than any other, as it provides for no compensation for disabilities not extending beyond three weeks. In the statutes of other States, the waiting time has usually been fixed at one or two weeks, no State except Colorado fixing a longer period.

In the legislation of 1914 and 1915, special boards or commissions for administration continue to be preferred, the laws of Alaska and Wyoming being the only ones enacted during 1915 which do not have this provision. In Maine, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Vermont the administrative authorities are given powers other than those relating to the administration of the compensation acts. In Hawaii, county boards with functions restricted to the compensation act are provided for. In Louisiana, the law is administered by the courts.

The prevention of accidents, as well as compensation, is provided for in a number of new laws. Thus, the Industrial Commission of Colorado is charged not only with the administration of the compensation act, but also with the duty of factory and mine inspection, the enforcement of woman and child labor laws, and safety laws generally. Corresponding provisions are found also in the laws of Indiana and Montana.

Notwithstanding the efforts which have been made to bring about uniformity in compensation legislation, a comparison of the laws of the thirty-one States which have thus far enacted compensation laws shows the widest diversity in the methods and amounts of compensation payable, and the scope of the various laws. Amending legislation is in general of a liberalizing character, either including new disabilities, as occupational diseases, or in increasing the disability allowances, or introducing other details. Promise of future progress in compensation legislation is found in the provision for a commission in Utah for the purpose of drafting a compensation bill and in the amendments to the constitutions of two or three States, the purpose of which is to permit the enactment of more inclusive and effective laws than is believed possible under the present laws of the States.



THE MARRIED LIFE OF HELEN AND WARREN

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Helen, in a Desperate Emergency, Serves Dinner Disguised as the Maid.

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This series is a continuation of "The Married Life," produced by Mabel Herbert Urner for four years. "The Married Life of Helen and Warren," appearing exclusively in this paper, is the only series now being written by Mabel Herbert Urner.

Helen stood before the mirror in the maid's room, buttoning over her own slender shoulders the embroidered straps of the maid's best dressing apron. Her face was flushed and determined.

With trembling fingers she pinned on the maid's cap. Then slowly she turned around before the mirror with a critical appraising gaze.

It was an attractive, trim-looking maid that the glass reflected. She must change her shoes—the rhinestone buckles of her French-heeled slippers were most unserviceable.

A sizzling sound sent her flying to the kitchen. The potatoes were boiling over. She lowered the gas, looked at the roast in the oven, and then ran in to the library to scrawl a hasty note.

"Anna left at five o'clock. Went off to the bank because I insisted that she polish the silver once a week, and that was enough. There's no one to serve dinner, so I'm going to serve it myself. I'm going to be the maid! Mr. Hotaling has never seen me and he'll never know. Say I have a sick headache and can't come to the table. Now, Warren, you MUST help me carry this through! Don't come out until I announce dinner. Give him your place at the table—I want his seat in the pantry door!"

Leaving the note in Warren's room, Helen rushed back to the kitchen. Testing the now mealy potatoes with a hasty fork thrust, she dried them over the flame, crushed them through the ricer, and set them in the warming oven. At least they were ready. The cauliflower she would serve plain with melted butter; she would not attempt a Hollandaise sauce.

Could she carry it through? Now that she had undertaken it—she dared not fail. With hot resentment she thought of Anna. After all her kindness, it was the rankest ingratitude for the girl to fly up and leave just before the serving of a company dinner.

She had tried to get Warren on the phone so that he could take Mr. Hotaling to a restaurant, but his stenographer had said he had gone for the day.

He was bringing Mr. Hotaling home with him at seven. There was no way to prevent it. In desperation Helen's ingenious mind conceived the plan of serving the dinner herself—disguised as the maid.

As Mrs. Curtis, in a dinner gown, flushed and disheveled from the kitchen heat, she could not serve. But as the maid she would not be noticed. If only Warren could be amenable! He would be furious. He loathed any form of dissembling, but it would be too late for him to object. He would not risk making a scene before Mr. Hotaling.

A quarter of seven. She turned on the lights in the front room and library and lit the shaded candles on the sideboard. Everything was ready. The cocktails, Scotch, cracked ice, bread, butter and celery were all on the serving table, so that she could serve quickly.

As Mr. Hotaling would sit with his back to both the pantry door and serving table, he would hardly see

her. She felt that she could carry it off—if only Warren did not make some break.

The sound of a key in the front door sent her scurrying into the kitchen. She could hear their voices in the hall. Now they had gone into Warren's room.

She pictured him going to the chiffonier to brush his hair—and finding the note. Her hands trembled as she poured the soup into the tureen. She must give them time to get into the library before she announced dinner.

But suddenly the pantry door was flung open and Warren strode in, his face livid, the note crushed in his hand.

"What fool stunt—" he began in spluttering, loud-voiced rage.

"Shush, he'll hear you! Now don't! Warren! Don't upset me! I begged you not to come out here. You MUST let me do this! It's too late to do anything else. Go back—quick—I'm coming right in to announce dinner!"

In helpless, glowering wrath Warren stared at her. Then with an oath he swung out.

A moment later, Helen appeared at the library door, with a barely audible "Dinner is served, sir."

She waited in the pantry until they were seated. With her heart in her throat and with rigidly lowered eyes, she dared not look at Warren, she took in the soup.

"I'm sorry Mrs. Curtis is indisposed," remarked Mr. Hotaling politely, as he drained his cocktail.

"Oh, it's nothing, she's—she's subject to sick headaches," blurted Warren awkwardly.

Helen removed the soup plates and brought in the roast. Standing back of Warren's chair while he carved, she gave one swift glance across the table. Mr. Hotaling was looking straight at her, and for a second his leveled eyes held hers.

It had been only a casual glance, she reassured herself, as with flaming cheeks she escaped to the kitchen for the vegetables.

The cauliflower she served first because it was in side dishes, which she had only to place by their plates. But the large dish of rice potatoes shook in her unsteady hand as she held it at Mr. Hotaling's elbow. He helped himself without glancing up, seemingly intent on Warren's glowing account of salmon fishing in New Brunswick.

While the maid was never allowed to leave the vegetables on the table, tonight, to simplify the serving, Helen left everything.

The dinner went under way, she took her first relieving breath. Standing just inside the pantry door, which she kept ajar, she saw that nothing was needed. Once or twice Warren shot her a furious glance. If only she could see this through, she could stand his rage afterward.

Knowing he would not ring, intently she watched for the time to remove the plates. They both ate heartily and with evident relish. At length she brought out the roast and cleared the table. It was all over.

With the salad she served the cheese and toasted crackers. Then, closing the pantry door, she rushed to the open kitchen window to cool her hot flushed face. She was through—all but the coffee in the library.

She had carried it off! Her daring

had been successful. Mr. Hotaling, who was one of Warren's wealthiest clients, would leave with a pleasant impression of a comfortable, well-served dinner.

When cautiously she listened at the pantry door, there was only silence. They had left the table.

She prepared the coffee and cognac on the after-dinner tray, dreading most of all this final task of taking it in. She hoped they would be in the library, so they would not see her walk across the long front room.

Summoning her courage, she took up the tray and pushed through the swinging door. With flaming self-consciousness, her eyes lowered, she entered the library. Mr. Hotaling was standing by the desk. He had taken up a silver-framed picture—HER picture!

"I presume this is Mrs. Curtis? I had hoped to have the pleasure of meeting her."

"Will you have sugar and cream in your coffee, sir?" broke in Helen desperately, fearing Warren's blundering answer.

"No, thank you, I'll have it black." As he stepped forward to take the cup, Helen saw his mouth twitch and his glance rest on her rings. Her diamond rings! A glaring disavowal of her role! With all her strategy she had forgotten to take them off. Then she met his eyes—and knew that he knew.

For one panic-stricken moment she stood in helpless, agonized confusion. Without waiting to explain, Warren's coffee, she turned blindly toward the door.

"It's all off! You might as well come back and own up." Warren's face was grim with a note of forced humor. "Mr. Hotaling allows me to present Mrs. Curtis. I'll not attempt to explain this crazy escapade; she'll have to do that herself."

"I'm afraid I've been unparagonably rude," he was holding Helen's trembling hand in a firm, reassuring grasp. "I shouldn't have presumed to penetrate your disguise."

"Disguise?" snorted Warren. "That make-up wouldn't have fooled a blind man."

"No, it would be difficult for Mrs. Curtis to pass as a maid," smiling down at her flushing embarrassment. "I knew from the first—when you served the soup, I determined not to let you know, but it was too tempting. You see, I wanted to meet you."

"Oh! Oh!" faltered Helen. "What must you have thought? The maid just left. I tried to get Mr. Curtis on the phone so he'd take you to a restaurant, but he'd gone, and—Oh, I didn't know what to do!"

"And, womanlike, you resorted to subterfuge," growled Warren. "It was a very charming subterfuge," championed Mr. Hotaling. "I know you're tired, so let me pour you some coffee?"

He turned toward the tray, then stopped. "No, you shouldn't drink coffee before dinner, and I'm sure you haven't eaten anything. Won't you dress?"

"And we'll all go to Sherry's," Mr. Curtis and I'll have a cordial, but you must have a real dinner in return for the very delicious one you served us."

"Oh, all right," assented Warren in response to Helen's questioning glance. "Go get ready." Then with a reluctant grin, "We'll give the new maid a swell outing!"

SAYS MENTALITY CAUSES DISEASE

Strickler Talks on Christian Science to Capacity Audience at Poli's.

BELIEF HEALS DISEASE

Asserts Material Man Isn't Likeness of God—Will Lecture Tonight at First Church.

Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., delivered the second in the series of lectures on Christian Science, which is being given under the auspices of the First and Second Churches of Christ Scientist, of this city, at Poli's Theater yesterday afternoon. The theater was completely filled and the lecture was listened to with the closest attention.

The lecturer, who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church in Boston, was introduced by Senator Clapp, of Minnesota. He stated at the beginning of his lecture that it was an undeniable fact that many cases of sickness and sin had been healed by Christian Science.

"In every case of Christian Science healing, whether the disease was chronic or acute, physical or mental, the cure was brought about by the use of hypnosis, mental suggestion, drugs or any material means, and entirely through the application of the spiritual and metaphysical teachings of Christian Science."

"The healing of the sick, however, is not the primary purpose of Christian Science. According to the teachings of this Science, all sickness and disease result from error and false belief, and are summarized as sin, and when the error of belief is destroyed by the truth which Christian Science imparts, the disease disappears. Christian Science, therefore, teaches that the cause of all disease and sin is mental, and not physical, and that both sin and disease may be cured by one and the same metaphysical process, namely, by the substitution of spiritual truth in place of error and false belief in the human consciousness."

The Truth Cure.

"It is recorded in the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John that upon one occasion Jesus turned to a group of his followers, who were standing near, and said to them: 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' In all of the Bible there is no statement of greater importance to mankind than this utterance, for it reveals the true remedy for every human ill. Knowledge of a thing must come through the mental and not through the physical, hence, according to the teachings of Christian Science, the cause of all disease and death is delivered from sin, disease and death not by doctoring the physical, but by filling the mental with truth."

"The human mind is a mirror, and it is the effect produced by truth operating in the human mentality, destroying superstition, false and vicious beliefs that must and will be the cause of the human mind. The human mind is a mirror, and it is the effect produced by truth operating in the human mentality, destroying superstition, false and vicious beliefs that must and will be the cause of the human mind."

"There must be ultimate truth somewhere, and when it is apprehended by the human mind, it will eliminate those who apprehend it from bondage to evil. Christian Science asserts that ultimate truth concerning God and man and their relationship is revealed in the Scriptures, and may be gained by every person whom the Scriptures are rightly interpreted."

Mrs. Eddy's Work.

"Some day, all mankind will recognize the immeasurable service that Mrs. Eddy has rendered to humanity by her discovery of Christian Science, and the establishment of the Christian Science movement. Through her teachings, she has elevated religion to a practical basis. She has taught the world that it is the mission of religion to heal people of sickness, sorrow, unhappiness and fear, as well as to destroy sin, and has so clearly defined the process by means of which these results may be accomplished as to make it possible for every one to prove it for himself and thereby to heal himself and others. Christian Science is applied Christianity just as truly as engineering is applied mathematics. There is no mystery about it, and when one does his work correctly, according to its rule, healing and regeneration must follow."

"In the Bible (John xx:17), we read that Jesus said to Mary: 'Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God.' Also in 1 John, iii:2, 'Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.' St. Paul also wrote (Romans 8:16, 17), 'The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.'

Christian Science Proof.

"Christian Science demonstrates the truth of these inspired statements. It makes available as a present right and possibility man's inheritance as the son and heir of God by showing that the real man created by God is spiritual and not material; that his life, continuity, intelligence and harmony are in spirit and not in matter; that all of his qualities and attributes are derived from spirit, and that every function of the real man

is governed by the divine mind. Man, therefore, expresses the divine nature, and hence he is the image of God, and as such is perfect and immortal. The material man is not the likeness of God, for matter cannot be the image of spirit. It is the false concept of man, and the sin, disease and death involved in this false concept will disappear as false mortal beliefs are dissolved by truth. The material belief must give place to the spiritual fact in every case. "Out of the amplitude of her own spiritual understanding, Mrs. Eddy has translated into human language the truth about God and man, and their relationship; has revealed a perfect divine principle that governs mankind, and has proved that the truth taught by Jesus is scientific, and may be demonstrated today as of old to deliver the sinning, sorrowing and suffering from their oppressors, to set all man and free from bondage to evil, and to establish the kingdom of God on earth."

The lecture will be repeated at the First Church of Christ Scientist, Columbia street and Euclid street, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Three Firemen Meet Injury.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Three firemen were injured in a blaze at 52 and 54 North Sixth street and \$100,000 damage done by a fire early today.

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COURT HAS NEW RULES GOVERNING ESTATES

Fiduciaries Are Required to File Monthly Reports and Auditor's Fees Are Decreased.

Herbert L. Davis, auditor of the District Supreme Court, has placed in effect the new rules of the court governing the handling of various funds.

By the new regulations all fiduciaries are required to file monthly reports of the condition of the estates being administered, and the auditor is to properly audit these and approve their correctness.

The auditor's fee has been decreased by the new rule, and a sliding scale has been adopted with the size of the estate as the basis of cost. Persons charged with the dissolution of corporations, distribution of estates and trustees in lunacy also are required to make reports.

The new table of fees is as follows: Where the assets of the estate shall not exceed \$500, no fee.

Where the assets exceed \$500, and do not exceed \$1,000, fee, \$1.

Where the assets exceed \$1,000, and do not exceed \$2,000, fee, \$2.

Where the assets exceed \$2,000, and do not exceed \$5,000, fee, \$3.

Where the assets exceed \$5,000, and do not exceed \$10,000, fee, \$4.

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